

# Marin County: Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence

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# Part One

## *Evolving our CCR Network*

The Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Network (CCR to DV Network) is a voluntary group that is open to the public that inspires participants to learn about data, research, and best practices in addressing domestic violence, so knowledge can be transferred back to institutions for adoption. We recognize a commitment to California's domestic violence statutes and the provisions of the U.S. Department of Justice to promote practices that have been found to increase victim safety and batterer accountability.



At the time of this writing, domestic violence (DV) is still Marin's most prevalent violent crime. The Coordinated Community Response (CCR) partners have continued to experience an increase in the demand for DV services. During 14/15 Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP), a nonprofit domestic violence intervention, response, and prevention organization, experienced an increase in the number of calls to its 24-hour emergency hotlines to 4,014; **with calls at their highest level in the last ten years.**

Funding cuts at local, state, and federal levels have challenged the capacity of Marin's criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable and protect victim safety through immediate response, investigation, arrest, and prosecution of domestic violence offenders. Given this context, the role of a CCR is more crucial than ever as resources dwindle and domestic violence rates climb.

### *CCR Purpose*

*To bring together individuals, organizations and institutions to promote safety and mutual respect in relationships and reduce the number of domestic violence crimes in Marin County.*

Currently, C4DP co-facilitates the CCR in partnership with the Marin County District Attorney (MCDA) and Marin County Sheriff Robert Doyle. Meetings are held quarterly and aim to educate leaders utilizing a train-the-trainer model so that participants are able to take the best practices back to their various organizations for integration and discussion. Meeting efforts focus on collaborating on how to improve the community-wide response to domestic violence, dating abuse, stalking, and sexual assault within Marin County. Community partners in the CCR include individuals, organizations, and institutions representing criminal justice, victim advocacy, community-based responders, and mental health practitioners.

*CCR Partners include:*

<i>Public defender</i>	<i>Relevant community-based organizations</i>
<i>911 Dispatch</i>	<i>Government agencies</i>
<i>Law enforcement</i>	<i>Practitioners</i>
<i>Probation</i>	<i>Batterer intervention programs</i>
<i>District Attorney's Office</i>	<i>Hospitals &amp; Clinics</i>
	<i>Employers</i>
	<i>Educators</i>
	<i>Faith leaders</i>

*“Bringing justice to victims and their children cannot be done by the criminal justice system alone. In Marin it is being accomplished through a larger vision for what is possible - and that is our CCR Network in action.”*

*~Ed Berberian, 2013  
Marin County  
District Attorney*



# CCR Strategic Directions: 2014-2017

In May 2014, CCR partners met in a special planning meeting and identified the following strategic directions and goals for the group over the next three-year period:

## 1. Data Collection And Evaluating Our Progress: Locally And State-Wide

- Identify metrics for baseline policy/protocol/procedural data for Marin County – assess what is feasible in sectors
- Identify metrics for determining long term effectiveness at integrating best practices in our sectors
- Continue collecting and analyzing data from surveys such as:
  - i. NEW – C4DP Law Enforcement Surveys “Integrating Best Practices” – August 2016, 2017
  - ii. ANNUAL – C4DP Youth Survey “Teen Dating Violence: Was Our Message Heard?” May 2014, 2015
  - iii. CCR Provider Surveys “Marin County Response” 2013 and “Strength & Needs Assessment: Children Exposed to Domestic Violence” 2014
  - iv. C4DP Youth & Focus Group Surveys 2013
  - v. Family Violence Consortium Data Efforts – Marin County Incidence and Recidivism

## 2. Policies And Procedures That Increase Victim Safety And Abuser Accountability

- Ensure long term implementation in Marin County of CCR recommended protocols (screening, risk assessment, safety planning)
- Ensure protocols are relevant for ethnic minority, LGBTQ, immigrant, disabled and low income communities
- Develop new protocols that improve response to children exposed to domestic violence

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## 3. Preventing Future Abuse

- Marin Against Youth Abuse (MAYA) and others: provide education on healthy & equal relating in schools and community settings
- Identify 3 strategies for immigrant, low income, LGBTQ, disabled and ethnic minority community's involvement in prevention efforts
- Identify non-criminal locations (yoga, fitness centers, nanny shares, Pinterest, craft & beading in-store classes, hair & nail salons) to educate and link victims to resources
- Identify non court-ordered methods to link abusers to resources

## 4. Response Training That Increases Victim Safety And Abuser Accountability

- Continue Law Enforcement training to increase buy in regarding “why” & end-game
- Address complexity, including mental health & uncooperative victims
- Increase training on sexual assault and abuse
- Address causes – prioritize “power and control” vs gender/criminal justice
- Expand language of domestic violence and sexual assault beyond criminal justice statute language

## 5. CCR Management That Builds Community Awareness of Resources

- Succession planning for CCR liaisons
- Publishing meeting minutes
- Mapping the Marin County domestic violence and sexual assault resources that shows the big picture and identifies and leverages underutilized assets
- Activating a county-wide referral network for children exposed
- Expanding CCR membership of child, youth, & young adult service providers

## **2013-2015 CCR Accomplishments**

### ***Involving the Broader Community to Reduce Domestic Violence***

1. Continued to build leadership capacity of the CCR by integrating three new CCR co-facilitators, including the Sausalito Police Chief, the Advocacy Manager for Community Violence Solutions and the Marin County Sheriff.
2. Nine law enforcement jurisdictions signed a new MOU dedicating an officer liaison to the CCR.
3. Law Enforcement (LE) Officer DV Liaisons began producing quarterly reports to the CCR in the following areas:
  - a) DV crimes responded to
  - b) Types of abuse involved
  - c) Professional reflections regarding the effectiveness of their jurisdiction's response
  - d) Use of the pocket/visor card by officers at the scene of the crime
  - e) Use of recommended investigative strategies
  - f) Ideas for "moving the needle" in response to DV in their jurisdiction
  - g) Protocols for law enforcement recommended by national Office on Violence Against women technical assistance providers
4. Began implementation of law enforcement pocket/visor card and protocol to assist officers in conducting a thorough investigation of a domestic violence incident, including protocol at the scene and follow-up. 236 cards were distributed.
5. Updated "Marin County LE Protocol for Handling DV Cases" training and received Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification.
6. Conducted 9 trainings for 255 officers in 3 Marin County jurisdictions, including the Marin County Sheriff's Office.
7. Two LE DV Liaisons attended two national trainings sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women: "EMERGE Risk Assessment Training" in Nashville, Tennessee, and "Identifying and Solving CCR Challenges: Research, Data Analysis, Policy Assessment, and New Approaches" in New Orleans with C4DP staff.
8. The Marin County Police Chief's Association agreed to address DV and CCR efforts on their standing agenda each month.
9. C4DP staff customized the Lethality Risk Assessment Program from Maryland into a Rapid Risk Assessment Program for Marin County and provided training to law enforcement and probation staff.
10. Presented a new sexual assault response model for consideration.

## **2013-2015 CCR Accomplishments**

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11. The MAYA Committee (sponsored by C4DP and Huckleberry Youth Programs) approached the CCR, requesting status as CCR Youth Liaisons, and showing how their youth and young adult leadership could assist both the CCR Network and MAYA to reach their mutual prevention goals related to teen dating abuse in Marin County. The group was unanimously accepted as new CCR Youth Liaisons.
12. Two out of the four quarterly meetings in 2014-15 featured trainings for members on integrating domestic violence screening, intervention, and response protocols, as well as referral and increased identification for youth, young adult, and child witnesses of domestic violence.
13. Provided specialized training on the effects of witnessing domestic violence on children's mental health, and began formation of a countywide referral network for providers interacting with child witnesses.
14. Participated in a C4DP community survey regarding current response to children and youth victims and incorporated findings into CCR strategic directions.



## Part Two

### *Going Forward*

CCR members are called upon to galvanize their sectors into action in order to promote an ever-evolving mechanism for change; this is Marin's CCR. The vision is for participants to become "Liaison Leaders" with the training they need to ensure that the domestic violence and sexual assault policies, protocols, and procedures are distributed to their colleagues. This way, as each member attends meetings, they have a solid process for taking the recommended protocols back for implementation, tracking, and evaluation.

#### **Future Plans Include:**

- ❖ To further build a network of comprehensive intervention services for children exposed to domestic violence, including support for non-abusing parents and caregivers.
- ❖ To provide training on identification, screening, and rapid risk assessment for children exposed to domestic violence and their non-abusing parent/caregiver to community partners serving children.
- ❖ To further identify and address institutional barriers to wide-scale implementation of policies, procedures, practices, and protocols for screening, intervention, response, and referral to increase safety and recovery for children, youth and young adults impacted by domestic violence in Marin County.

*"The CCR Network is a forum where best practices are generated, researched, and planned for, with the bonus of being a multi-disciplinary group.*

*But the real credit goes to the institutions that formally adopt and implement the practices day-to-day - in hospitals, police cars, courtrooms and classrooms. Cheers to those who assist individuals and families suffering and healing from DV in Marin County."*

*~Kate Kain, 2013  
Deputy Executive  
Director, C4DP*

## *Call to Action*

In closing, the CCR Network calls upon Marin County individuals, organizations, and institutions to:

1. Promote safety and mutual respect in relationships.
2. Respond to acts of domestic violence or bullying behaviors as they happen.
3. Get involved with the Coordinate Community Response Network in planning to reduce what is now Marin County's number one violent crime.

*[www.co.marin.ca.us/da/](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/da/)*

*[www.centerfordomesticpeace.org](http://www.centerfordomesticpeace.org)*

4. Engage personal and professional networks in promoting awareness, support, and prevention efforts to reduce incidents and the impact of domestic violence.

## Next CCR Meeting

March 16, 2016

Time: 1:00-3:00pm



### Website

For a complete list of updates and resources from past trainings and meetings, please go to the host websites @:

[www.c4dp.org/ccr-dv-network](http://www.c4dp.org/ccr-dv-network)

[www.co.marin.ca.us/da/](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/da/)



Adopt A Family	Community Violence Solutions	Marin Head Start	Belvedere PD
Adult Protective Services	Dept. of Child Support Services	Marin CASA Program	Fairfax PD
Apple Family Works	Fair Housing of Marin	Marin Women's Commission	Mill Valley PD
Bay Area College Students	Family & Children's Law Center	National Association for Mentally Ill (NAMI)	Novato PD
Bay Area Community Resources	Family Service Agency	Novato Human Needs	San Anselmo PD
	Flowering Hope	Planned Parenthood of NorCal	
	Homeward Bound	Point Reyes Lights	
Bay Area Legal Aid	Huckleberry Youth Programs	Private Practice Practitioners	San Rafael PD
HHS, CalWORKs	Kaiser Permanente	Probation Dept.	Sausalito PD
Canal Alliance	Latino Council of Marin	Soroptimists	Sheriff's Dept.
Center for Domestic Peace	Legal Aid	Shared Hope International	Tiburon PD
Center for Judicial Excellence	Marin Advocates for Children	Shoreline School Readiness	Central Marin Police Authority
HHS, Children & Family Services	Marin County District Attorney	Voces de Cambio	College of Marin PD
	Marin County Sheriff		

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

(Not a complete List)